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Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Dear Sir or Madam:

I wonder if you might be able to advise me on a small research project? I am currently investigating the life of Alfred Osgood Johnson, a young officer in the 42nd Illinois Infantry who fought at Stones River. I have enclosed a brief vita summarizing what I have been able to find on him.

I have read what I can find about the doings of the 42nd at Stones River, including the account of Alexander Stevenson, who was a Captain in the regiment. I am writing you in search of anything I may have missed. My questions are:

1. Do you, in your archives, have any material on Lt. Johnson himself?
2. Do you have material on the actions of the 42nd during the battle?
3. Do you have any information on the actions of 1st Lt. John W. Scott (A. O. Johnson's immediate superior in Company G of the 42nd), who was dismissed from the service on January 14th, 1863, apparently for cowardice under fire? In his memoirs, Philip Sheridan mentions drumming out four officers in his division soon after the battle; Scott seems to have been one of them. My assumption is that Johnson may well have had to take over for Scott at some time during the battle.

Any information that you can give me--or direct me to--would be very much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Victor W. Henningsen

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ALFRED OSGOOD JOHNSON

Born: 16 October 1836, Andover, Mass.
s. Osgood (1803-1837) & Lucretia (Bly) (1801-1867) J.

Schooling: Entered Phillips Academy, 2 Sept. 1850
Graduated, Phillips Academy, 24 July 1854